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I spent an hour sitting this morning for my portrait.

Joe Kingsbury Smith called me to say he understood Gaston Palewski, an inveterate foe of the EDC, believed it would, if submitted to the National Assembly now, obtain a majority of forty votes. I had talked to both Harold Callender and David Schoenbrun on the same subject today.

Monsieur Poulain came in to present me with an advance copy of Nicholas's wine list which is to be distributed publicly in December. It is a [redacted] fine piece of printing as always, with excellent illustrations, this time by Van Dongen. We had a conversation [redacted] interesting to me on the peculiarities of certain vintages.

E. and I lunched at the Dillons' with the Windsors, Joyces, and Doug MacArthur. As always, an excellent lunch. Phyllis and E. went off afterward to Sansom, where they are engaged in having designed some dinner service porcelain. I brought Doug MacArthur back to the office where we spent an hour or more talking over European problems. He understands the French situation thoroughly and has a [redacted] comprehensive grasp of [redacted] U. S. diplomatic questions. He is particularly effective in his present position as Counsellor for the State Department, since he enjoys not only the confidence of the Department but [redacted] of the President. [redacted]

We went to dinner at the Howard Raileys' where we encountered many [redacted] friends.

I had to leave at 9:15 to meet Monnet and Tommy at the house. We were later joined by Van Helmont. Jean told us in detail of his various conversations in London with Messrs. Dulles, Bowie, Salisbury, and so forth. It is always the keenest pleasure to hear him talk. His prodigious memory, capacity for clear expression, realism, and a gift for seizing the essentials of [redacted] complicated

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statements is absolutely remarkable. I have never met anyone who as a planner and a political philosopher was so fertile in invention. If Europe is ever made it will be for the largest part attributable to him, for his persistence never flags. He went off about midnight to Versailles, and he and Tommy are leaving at eight o'clock in the morning for Luxembourg by car.

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